

Sayre, in New York, and another in this city, in which the jury, without leaving the box, pronounced for Dr. Reese, the defendant. But last year a jury brought in a verdict so manifestly unjust, against Dr. Hall, that it was at once set aside by the judge (Stroud). These suits involve a great deal of annoyance and loss of time, not only to the gentlemen who are thus attacked, but to their friends who are called upon to testify. Nevertheless, it behooves us to resist such attempts at loring blackmail upon us (for trials of this kind are usually nothing more), and to aid one another cheerfully, since no one knows when his own turn may come. To buy off a prosecutor would be to inflict an injury upon the whole profession.—*Medical Times*.

[We are sorry to say that this epidemic has spread to Canada, as within the past year we have had several suits against physicians. The profession has not been so fortunate here, however, for in several instances they have been heavily mulcted by ignorant juries. This is an annoyance which will sooner or later cure itself, for the evil has assumed such a magnitude, that a reaction will most certainly take place, otherwise the profession will be brought into such a state that few will be found willing to enter it.]—Ed.

CONSULTATION FEES—WHO SHALL PAY THEM?

A surgeon in Ireland having been summoned by telegraph to a distant point for the purpose of consultation, regarded the physician in attendance, who had summoned him, as liable for the fee. But the medical association of Cork decided unanimously that consulting physicians must look to the patient for compensation. We believe there has never been any question among physicians in America, on this point. Patients, however, very often expect the consulting physician to be paid by the one in attendance. This is the case more especially when they themselves do not intend paying either. Note also that non-paying patients are most likely to require consultations, to change their physicians, to call them up in the night, to set them by the ears, and to compensate them by annoyance and abuse.—*Pacific Med. & Sur. Journal*.